

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 77, 78 and 79 as follows:

Claims 1-76 (canceled).

77. (currently amended) A door lock for a washing machine, a dish washer or a drier, the door lock comprising:

- a securing device (10) affixed to a washing machine, a dish washer or a drier,
- an axle (28) ~~rotatably arranged in the securing device (10), which is arranged in the securing device (10) and can be rotated around its longitudinal axis without transversal movement relative to the securing device (10),~~
- a contact region (30) provided on the axle (28), the contact region (30) being rotatable relative to the securing device (10),
- a gripping device (18) rotatably arranged in the securing device (10), and
- an active region (22) formed in the gripping device (18), at least a part of the active region (22) for contacting the contact region (30) during at least a part of a rotation of the gripping device (18) for rotating the axle (28).

78. (currently amended) A door lock for a washing machine, a dish washer or a drier, the door lock comprising:

- a securing device (10) affixed to a washing machine, a dish washer or a drier,
- an axle (28) ~~arranged mounted in the securing device (10), which is arranged in the securing device (10) and can be rotated around its longitudinal axis without transversal movement relative to the securing device (10),~~
- a bearing rotatably arranged on the axle (28),

- a contact region (30) provided on an outer surface of the bearing, the contact region (30) being rotatable relative to the securing device (10),

- a gripping device (18) rotatably arranged in the securing device (10), and

- an active region (22) formed in the gripping device (18), at least a part of the active region (22) for contacting the contact region (30) during at least a part of a rotation of the gripping device (18) for rotating the bearing arranged on the axle (28).

79. (currently amended) A door lock for a washing machine, a dish washer or a drier, the door lock comprising:

- a securing device (10) affixed to a washing machine, a dish washer or a drier,

- an axle (28) rotatably arranged in the securing device (10)a,

- a bearing rotatably arranged on the axle (28),

- a contact region (30) provided on an outer surface of the bearing, the contact region (30) being rotatable relative to the securing device (10),

- a gripping device (18) rotatably arranged in the securing device (10), and

- an active region (22) formed in the gripping device (18), at least a part of the active region (22) for contacting the contact region (30) during at least a part of a rotation of the gripping device (18) for rotating at least one of the bearing arranged on the axle (28) and the axle (28).

80. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, wherein

- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated to and from a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1),
- the active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) for contact by the contact region (30) in the first rotational position.

81. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, wherein

- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1),
- the active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) for contact by the contact region (30) in the first rotational position, and a transition region (34) arranged adjacent the first recess (26), the transition region (34) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that that the contact region (30) is rotated.

82. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, wherein

- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1),

- the active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) for contact by the contact region (30) in the first rotational position, a transition region (34) arranged adjacent the first recess (26), the transition region (34) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) is rotated, and a first sliding edge (36) arranged between the first recess (26) and the transition region (34), the first sliding edge (36) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) is rotated.

83. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, wherein

- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1),

- the active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) for contact by the contact region (30) in the first rotational position, and a bearing arranged adjacent the first recess (26), the bearing for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) and the bearing are rotated.

84. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, wherein

- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open

position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1),

- the active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) for contact by the contact region (30) in the first rotational position, a bearing arranged adjacent the first recess (26), the bearing for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) and the bearing are rotated, and a first sliding edge (36) arranged between the first recess (26) and the bearing arranged adjacent the first recess (26), the first sliding edge (36) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that that the contact region (30) is rotated.

85. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, wherein

- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1),
- the active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) for contact by the contact region (30) in the first rotational position, a transition region (34) arranged adjacent the first recess (26), the transition region (34) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that that the contact region (30) is rotated, and a second recess (24) for contact by the contact region (30) in the second rotational position.

86. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, wherein

- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1),
- the active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) for contact by the contact region (30) in the first rotational position, a transition region (34) arranged adjacent the first recess (26), the transition region (34) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) is rotated, a first sliding edge (36) arranged between the first recess (26) and the transition region (34), the first sliding edge (36) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) is rotated and a second recess (24) for contact by the contact region (30) in the second rotational position.

87. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, wherein

- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1),
- the active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) for contact by the contact region (30) in the first rotational position, a transition region (34) arranged adjacent the first recess (26), the transition region (34) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions

of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) is rotated, a second recess (24) for contact by the contact region (30) in the second rotational position, and a second sliding edge (36) arranged between the transition region (34) and the second recess (24), the second sliding edge (36) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) is rotated.

88. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, wherein

- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1),
- the active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) for contact by the contact region (30) in the first rotational position, a transition region (34) arranged adjacent the first recess (26), the transition region (34) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) is rotated, a first sliding edge (36) arranged between the first recess (26) and the transition region (34), the first sliding edge (36) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) is rotated, a second recess (24) for contact by the contact region (30) in the second rotational position, and a second sliding edge (36) arranged between the transition region (34) and the second recess (24), the second sliding edge (36) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the

gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) is rotated.

89. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, wherein

- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1),
- the active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) for contact by the contact region (30) in the first rotational position, a second recess (24) for contact by the contact region (30) in the second rotational position, and a bearing arranged between the first recess (26) and the second recess (24), the bearing for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) and the bearing are rotated.

90. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, wherein

- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1),
- the active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) for contact by the contact region (30) in the first rotational position, a second recess (24) for contact by the contact region (30) in the second rotational position, a bearing arranged between the first recess (26) and

the second recess (24), the bearing for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) and the bearing are rotated, and a first sliding edge (36) arranged between the first recess (26) and the bearing, the first sliding edge (36) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) is rotated.

91. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, wherein

- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1),
- the active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) for contact by the contact region (30) in the first rotational position, a second recess (24) for contact by the contact region (30) in the second rotational position, a bearing arranged between the first recess (26) and the second recess (24), the bearing for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) and the bearing are rotated, and a second sliding edge (36) arranged between the bearing and the second recess (24), the second sliding edge (36) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) is rotated.

92. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, wherein

- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1),
- the active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) for contact by the contact region (30) in the first rotational position, a second recess (24) for contact by the contact region (30) in the second rotational position, a bearing arranged between the first recess (26) and the second recess (24), the bearing for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) and the bearing are rotated, a first sliding edge (36) arranged between the first recess (26) and the bearing, the first sliding edge (36) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) is rotated, and a second sliding edge (36) arranged between the bearing and the second recess (24), the second sliding edge (36) for contact by the contact region (30) in transitions of the gripping device (18) between the first and second rotational positions such that the contact region (30) is rotated.

93. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77, 78 or 79, comprising a lever arm (14) having an end connected to a lever arm axle (12) mounted to the securing device (10) and being connected, in a distance from the connection to the lever arm axle (12), to the gripping device axle (20).

94. (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 93, wherein
a bearing is arranged between the closing lever (14) and the closing lever axle (12).

95. (previously amended) (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77,
78 or 79, wherein
the gripping device (18) comprises a gripping latch (40) being formed in the gripping
device (18) spaced from the active region (22).

96. (previously amended) (previously amended) A door lock according to claim 77,
78 or 79, wherein
- the gripping device (18) is arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a
gripping device axle (20), and
- a bearing is arranged between the gripping device (18) and the gripping device axle
(20), the bearing being rotatable relative to the gripping device (18).